First Congregational
United Church of Christ

111 S. Wallace Blvd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 980413 Ypsilanti, MI 48198)
www.ypsiucc.org

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

August 14, 2022
10:00 am

“Restore Us”
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

a just world for all
ucc.org

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"The Very Thought to Me, John Dykes

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **BARBARA GARLAND**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Barbara Garland.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let it Shine"
196 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **BARBARA GARLAND**

Leader: The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.

People: We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.

Leader: The One who creates mercy and hope, longs for a world of fair play and grace.

People: We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.

Leader: The One who is with us in every moment composes a love song for our hearts.

People: We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Draw the Circle Wide"
123 SING

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING	**Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19**	**BARBARA GARLAND**
SECOND READING	**Colossians 3:1-3**	**PASTOR LIZ**
HYMN	*Microphone muted **"For All the Saints"** **299 NCH** **v. 1-4**	**TIFFANIE WALDRON**
MORNING MESSAGE	**"Restore Us"**	**PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER	*Restart Zoom recording	**PASTOR LIZ**
DISCIPLES' PRAYER	*Unison with Microphone muted	**PASTOR LIZ**

Gracious God,
In the debris and litter of the world,
You clear a place
where we can be planted:
Your justice which can bring hope to the oppressed;
Your righteousness
which can receive even our enemies in peace.

Jesus Christ,
You break up the stony ground of our hearts,
So grace might be planted.
You take us by the hand to lead us
through the waters of baptism,
So we can stand on the far shores on your kindom.

Holy Spirit,
Early every morning, you are out ahead of us,
Walking the paths of life, clearing away all the temptations
Which would cause us to stumble and fall.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"O Grant Us Light",** Lawrence Tuttiet **JOSHUA CATANIA**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **BARBARA GARLAND**

As you share your blessings with us, Gracious God,
you show great faith that we will use them wisely and offer them generously to others. So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken, hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn.
This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Faith, it is an Oaken Staff"
418 NCH

BENEDICTION *Responsive **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: In faith, we have worshiped the God of all grace and hope.

People: By faith, we will go to be poured out for all around us.

Leader: Through faith, we have come to follow the Servant of the poor.

People: With faith, we will go with our companions, justice, and righteousness, to serve the oppressed.

Leader: By faith, we learn the songs of the Spirit of love.

People: In faith, we will sing these songs with those for whom the music has gone silent. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"I've Got Peace Like a River"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
African American Spiritual

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**
*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Barbara Garland, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

YPSILANTI FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship Address:
111 S. Wallace Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Mailing Address:
PO Box 980413
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734-482-6980
ypsiucc.org

ATTRIBUTIONS FOR TODAY'S BULLETIN
- **Cover Art:** Photo by Nick Fewings on Unsplash
- **Call to Worship:** Thom M. Shuman on http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/
- **Prayer of Dedication:** Thom M. Shuman on http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/
- **Disciples Prayer:** Thom M. Shuman on http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/
- **Benediction:** Thom M. Shuman on http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: **Patty Sherwood, Zoom Host/Worship Leader**

Luncheon Gatherings:

There is one more Luncheon Gatherings: **NEXT SUNDAY, August 21, 2:00pm.**
Lillian Long will host us at her home: **505 Boulderstone Ln., Chelsea, 48188.**
Please call Lillian at 734-475-7264 to let her know you are coming.
Ride-sharing would be a good idea as Chelsea is about a half hour drive from Ypsilanti. Pastor Liz will be at Lillian's beforehand helping host and won't be able to drive folks.

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon will be preaching August 28. Thank you, Dan for sharing your faith, witness and creativity.

Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.
- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **Monday, Oct 3**
- Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:

Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419.

Sunday, September 25: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

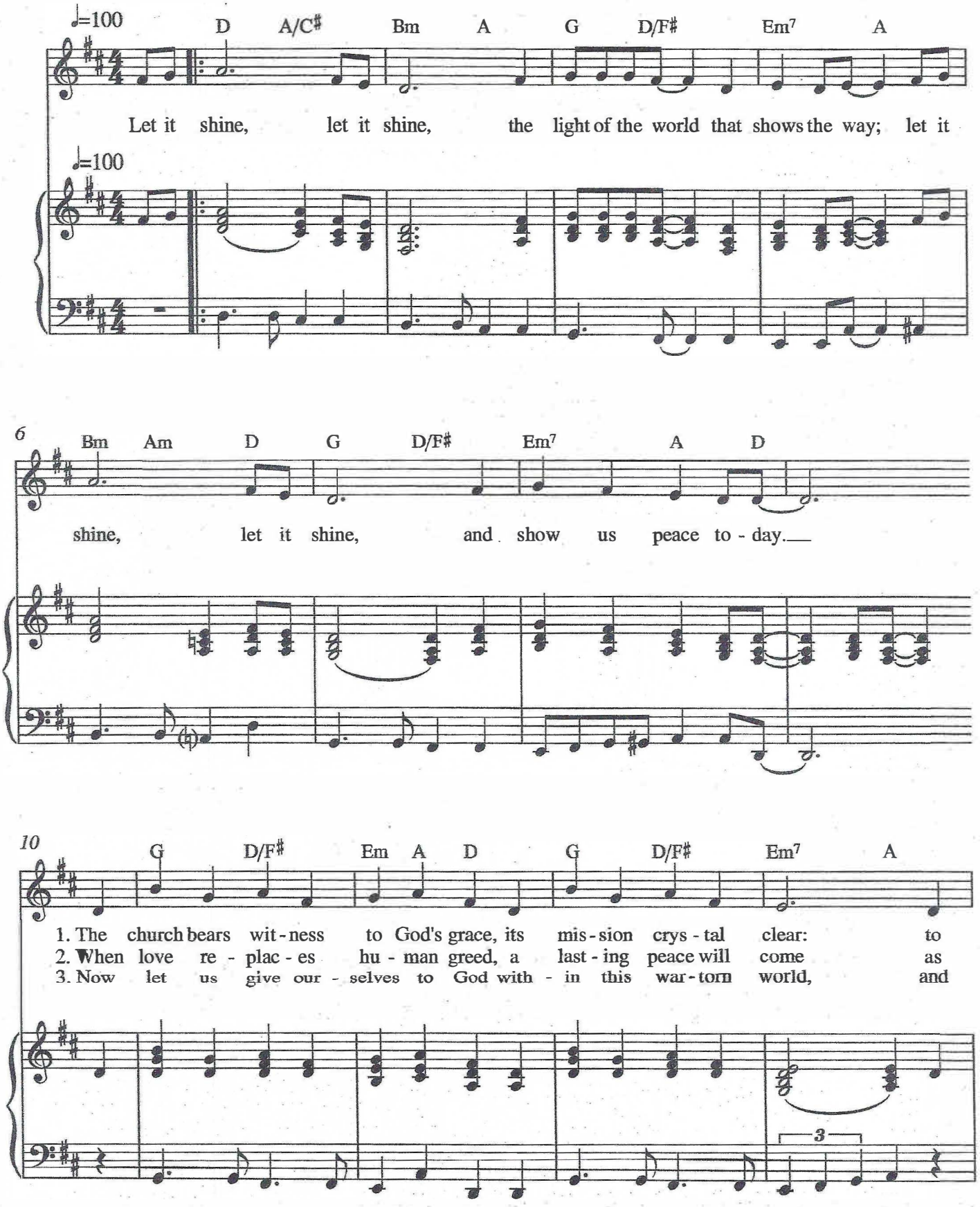
First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Let It Shine


♩=100
D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯ Em7 A
Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way; let it
♩=100
6
Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D
shine, let it shine, and show us peace to - day.
10
G D/F♯ Em A D G D/F♯ Em7 A
1. The church bears wit - ness to God's grace, its mis - sion crys - tal clear: to
2. When love re - plac - es hu - man greed, a last - ing peace will come as
3. Now let us give our - selves to God with - in this war - torn world, and
3

Words and Music: Barbara Hamm, Copyright ©2007. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Piano Arrangement: Branden Grimmett, Copyright ©2009. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

2

15 G D/F♯ F♯ Bm Em Asus A

1.2.

show the world God's hu - man face, a world that God holds dear. Let it
hands reach out to hu - man need from hearts no long - er numb. Let it
work till jus - tice walks a-broad with flags of peace un -

19 Asus A D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯

3.

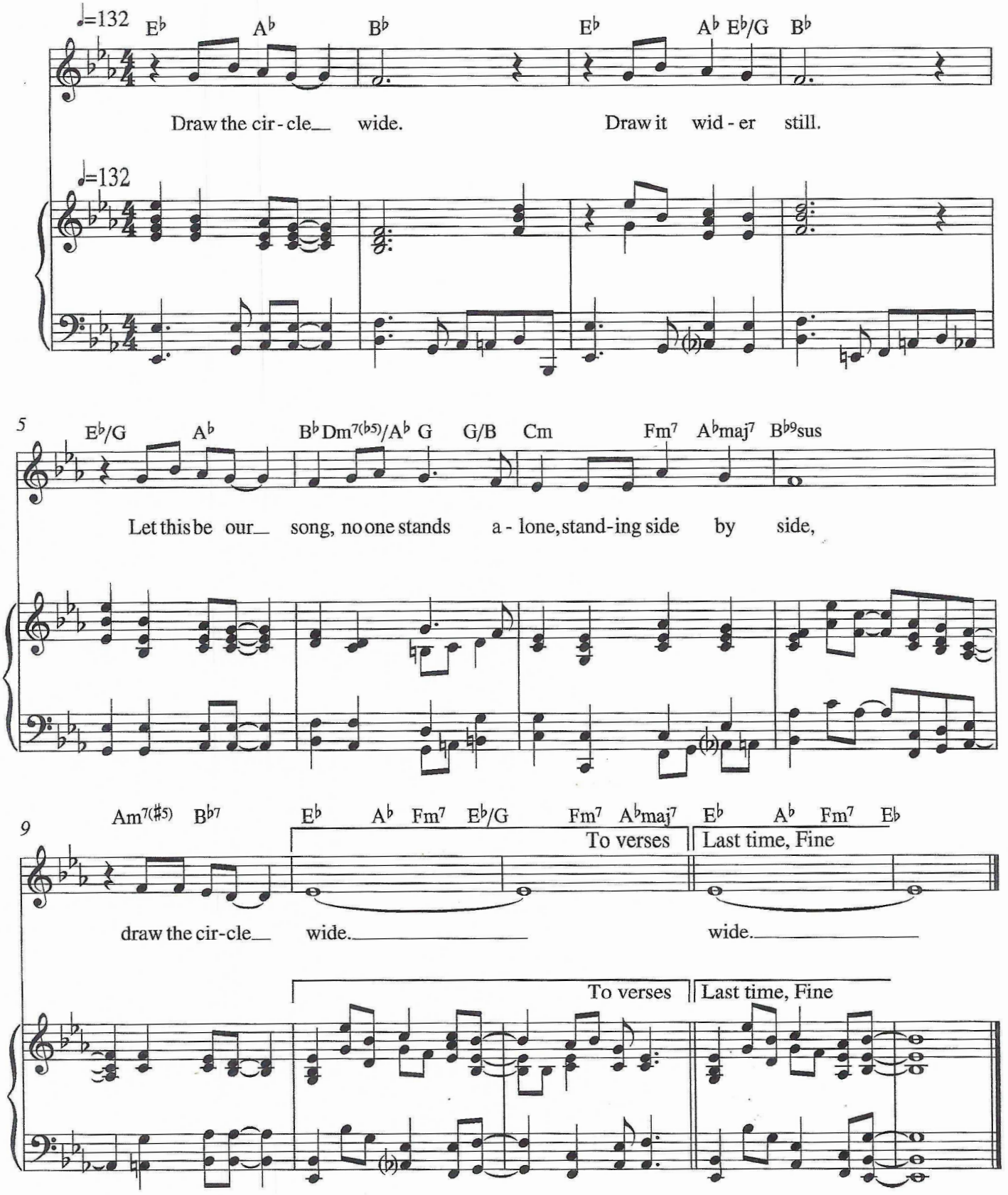
-furled. Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

23 Em7 A Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.

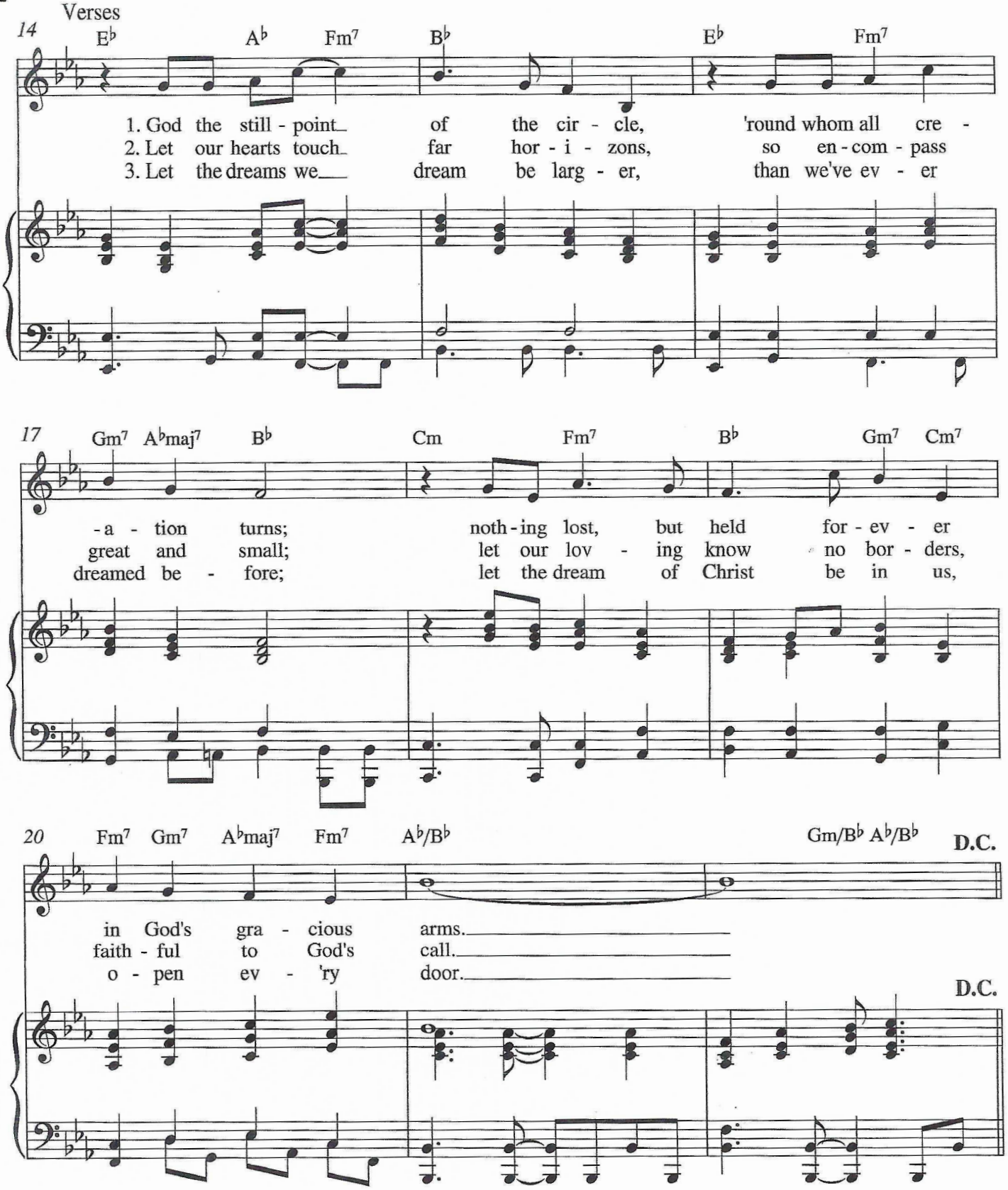
1/2

Draw the Circle Wide


♩=132
E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ E♭/G B♭
Draw the cir - cle wide. Draw it wid - er still.
♩=132
5
E♭/G A♭ B♭ Dm7(♭5)/A♭ G G/B Cm Fm7 A♭maj7 B♭9sus
Let this be our song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side,
9
Am7(♯5) B♭7 E♭ A♭ Fm7 E♭/G Fm7 A♭maj7 E♭ A♭ Fm7 E♭
To verses
Last time, Fine
draw the cir-cle wide. wide.
To verses
Last time, Fine

Words and Music: Gordon Light, Copyright ©1994 Common Cup Company, www.commoncup.com.
All rights reserved. Used by permission.
This arrangement: Michael Bloss, Copyright ©1998 Wood Lake Books. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Piano Arrangement: David Maxwell, Copyright ©2009. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

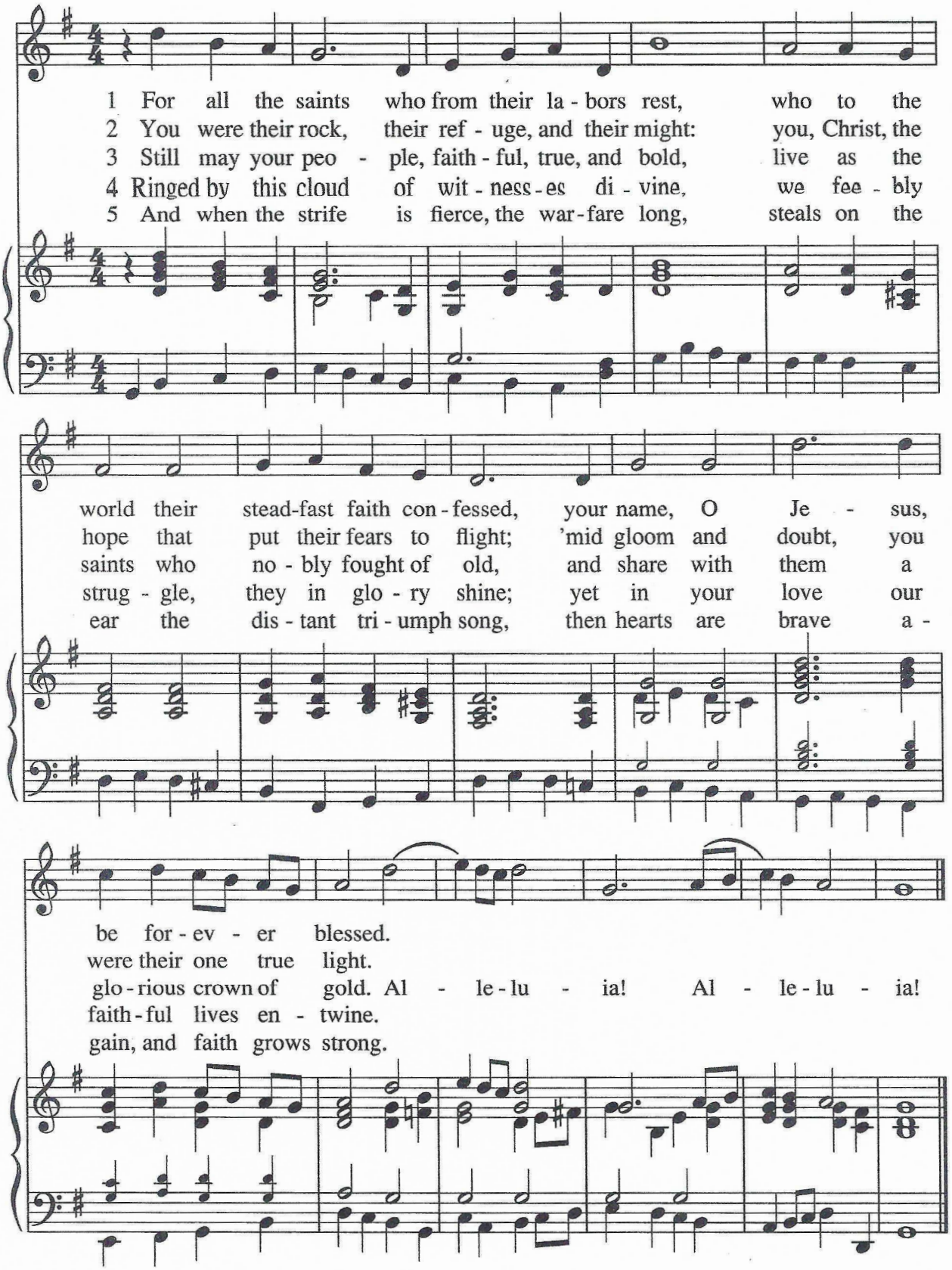
2

Verses

14
E♭ A♭ Fm7 B♭ E♭ Fm7
1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -
2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass
3. Let the dreams we dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er
17
Gm7 A♭maj7 B♭ Cm Fm7 B♭ Gm7 Cm7
- a - tion turns; noth - ing lost, but held for - ev - er
great and small; let our lov - ing know no bor - ders,
dreamed be - fore; let the dream of Christ be in us,
20
Fm7 Gm7 A♭maj7 Fm7 A♭/B♭ Gm/B♭ A♭/B♭
D.C.
in God's gra - cious arms.
faith - ful to God's call.
o - pen ev - 'ry door.
D.C.

299 For All the Saints

Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.


1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the
2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the
3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the
4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly
5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the
world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,
hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you
saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our
ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -
be for - ev - er blessed.
were their one true light.
glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
faith - ful lives en - twine.
gain, and faith grows strong.

This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal *(1869) and set to a tune by that name,* Sarum. *It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring* Sine Nomine *in* The English Hymnal *(1906).*

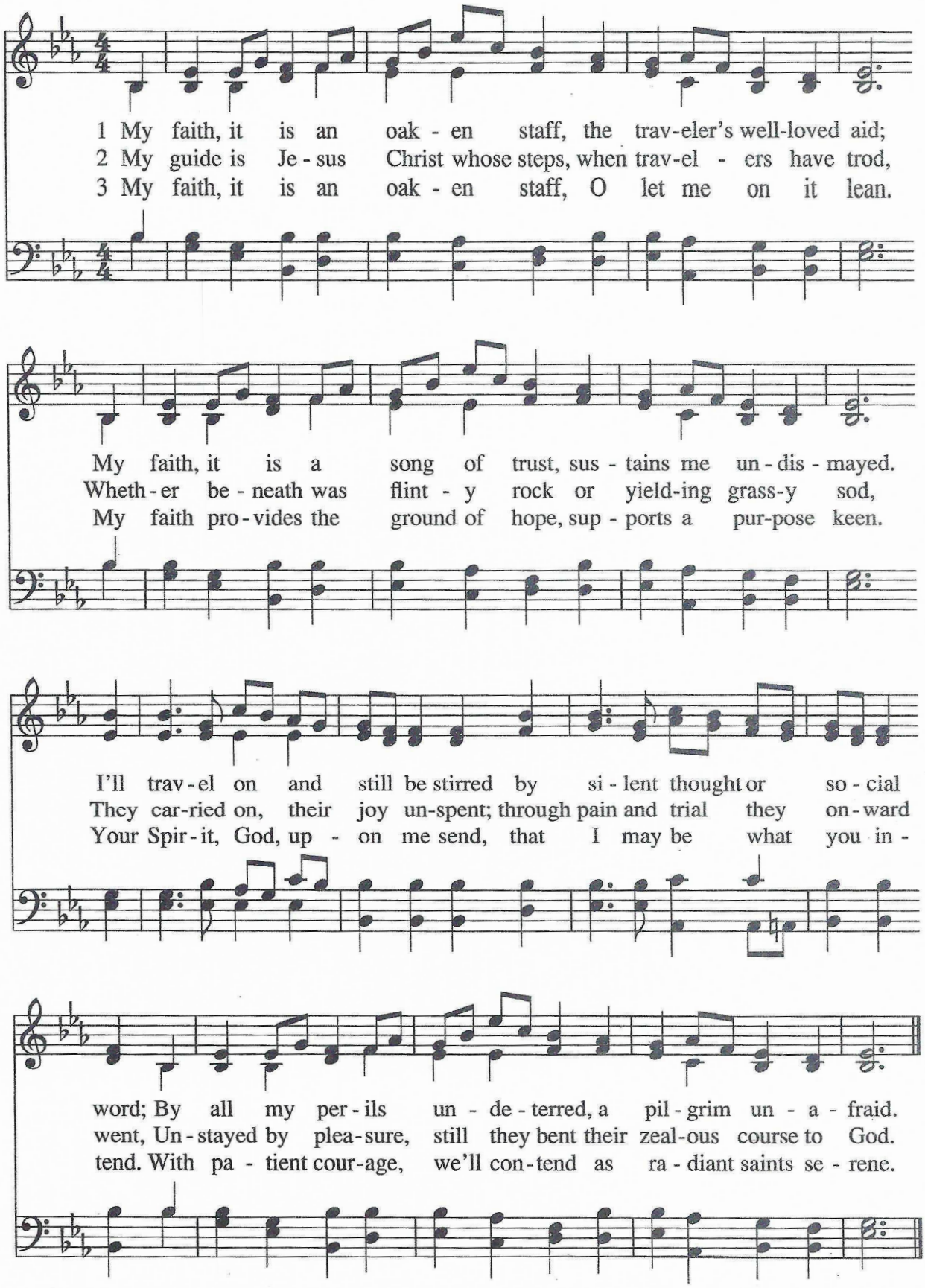
Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Music Copyright ©, Oxford University Press. From *The English Hymnal 1906.*

My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

418

Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.


1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.
My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield-ing grass-y sod,
My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur-pose keen.
I'll trav - el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
They car-ried on, their joy un-spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -
word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal-ous course to God.
tend. With pa - tient cour-age, we'll con - tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

A gifted Congregational minister in London, Thomas Toke Lynch was the subject of controversy within the churches upon the publication of his hymn collection, The Rivulet, *which received poor reviews. This hymn was labeled Lynch's "best" when it appeared in* Congregational Praise *(1951).*

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH 8.6.8.6.8.8.8.6.
Swiss folk melody
Fellowship Hymn Book, *1910*